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Dear Ray,

I appreciate your letter of 21 May regarding the origin and progress of the CIA/DIA Panel instituted to respond to Mr. McNamara's request regarding Soviet Ground Forces. However, while I share your concern and interest for the need for marked achievement of the Panel, I feel that we have made considerable progress in the months since the requirement for such a study was first identified by the Secretary of Defense.

Specifically, we in DIA have scheduled the Aberdeen trip of 23 May; we have provided a one day presentation of our methodology of maintaining ground order of battle; and we have completed a comprehensive study on the Soviet Bloc Ground and Tactical Air Forces, copies of which we furnished you on 20 May. Concurrently, we are reviewing and moving to provide additional review of material to examine our holdings of the Soviet ground order of battle on an all source basis.

Additionally, on 21 May, Admiral Frankel forwarded to Mr. McCone a copy of our Memorandum to the Secretary of Defense which summarized our progress to date in these matters and attached our proposed Terms of Reference for the Panel. I would appreciate your reaction to our proposed approach to the requirement we are obliged to satisfy.

Since there are differences between your suggested Terms of Reference and ours, I again suggest an early meeting of the Panel members as proposed for Monday, 27 May. My main concern is that we achieve a truly joint effort as expressed by Mr. McNamara in his memorandum to the JCS of 12 April. In this memorandum he relieved the DIA of our earlier independent and similar requirement to that of the now existing Panel, and stated, "On February 13, 1963, I wrote Mr. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence, indicating my concern about this matter and requested a joint CIA/DIA effort to insure that the total capability of the intelligence community be brought to bear on this most important problem."

Sincerely,

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